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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM BY BANGLADESH MAJORS

1. I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT THE MAJORS WHO FLED FROM BANGLADESH HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR ASYLUM IN THE US AND I TRUST THAT IF THEY DO THEY WILL BE FIRMLY TURNED DOWN.

2. THESE PEOPLE HAVE BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS. I HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH MOST OF THOSE WHO WERE SO TRAGICALLY ASSASSINATED IN DACCA. WHILE THEY WERE NOT ALWAYS COMPETENT, MOST OF THEM WERE DEDICATED PEOPLE LOOKING FOR HELP FROM WHEREEVER THEY COULD GET IT. THEY DESERVED BETTER.

3. OF COURSE SHOULD WE PERMIT THE MAJORS TO ENTER THE US THE REACTION HERE IN INDIA WOULD BE SHARP. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MUJIB WAS KILLED THERE WERE SOME IN THE GOI WHO THOUGHT WE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE COUP. SINCE THEN MORE REASONABLE COUNCIL HAS PREVAILED AND OUR BONA FIDES ARE BETTER ACCEPTED. THIS SITUATION COULD TURN AROUND OVERNIGHT, HOWEVER, AND THE BEST WAY TO BRING IT ABOUT WOULD BE TO WELCOME THE MAJORS. I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD TAKE ON SUCH A BURDEN TO
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HELP PEOPLE WHOSE PREATEST ACHIEVEMENT HAS BEEN TO

ELIMINATE A GOOD PROPORTION OF THE LEADERSHIP OF
BANGLADESH.
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